

Army and Navy News

Will Loop the Loop.

The dashing young lieutenant, Chester A. Loop, of the 25th Company, Coast Artillery, U. S. A., has been ordered to Fort Worden, Wash. This will, in a measure, relieve the immediate vicinity from any close connection with this young officer's further escapades.

Loop has a habit of forgetting that he has any obligations in Army life and has given his commanding officers no end of trouble. His affairs have been "whitewashed" several times. His last offense, absconding himself from Fort Riley without leave, was so openly flagrant that he was called before a court-martial at the Presidio and sentenced to three months' confinement within the precincts of that post.

This sentence went into effect March 17. That he was not dismissed from the Army entirely is reported to be due to the fact that his father has a "big pull" in Washington, D. C. Fort Worden, Wash., is considered one of the most undesirable posts in the country.

Assistant Quartermaster.

VALLEJO, April 13.—Captain Walter E. Noa, assistant quartermaster, Marine Corps, reported for duty today at the marine barracks, Mare Island, as quartermaster, relieving Captain Edward Mainwaring, who has been temporarily performing the duties. The assignment is the result of a recent decision of the Navy Department to assign officers on the general quartermaster's staff to the marine barracks owing to the increase in business. This is the first instance of an assistant quartermaster being assigned to Mare Island.

Pay Tag Across Ocean.

April, 1907.—Ensign Walter Jacobs, attached to the U. S. S. Chattanooga, while in Manila forms the acquaintance of Miss Winnie Dunlap, sister-in-law of the prosecuting attorney of Manila. They become engaged to be married.

May, 1907.—Uncle Sam detaches Jacobs from the Chattanooga and sends him on a trip around the world. Miss Dunlap laments her betrothed's departure and decides to follow him. June, 1907.—Miss Dunlap sails for New York, hoping to greet Jacobs there, but Uncle Sam's fine hand is in evidence again and Jacobs is sent on another chase back to Manila. Miss Dunlap follows.

June, 1907, to April, 1909.—The merry game of tag between the two lovers continues. Neither catches a glimpse of the other and both travel around the world, Jacobs on the battleship Illinois on the famous round-the-world cruise and Miss Dunlap on the first steamers following the fleet. April, 1909.—Ensign Jacobs secures a furlough, and while Uncle Sam is unable to intervene the young couple arrange to be married in this city. Jacobs arrived from the East yesterday and is at the Fairmont. Miss Dunlap will arrive here on the transport Sheridan, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Joseph E. Evans, wife of Ensign Evans. The wedding will be solemnized in a few days—perhaps.—Chronicle.

Ensign Jacobs passed through this city on the Sheridan a few weeks ago. Massachusetts in Line.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Thoroughly overhauled, so that she appears like a new vessel, the old battleship Massachusetts will steam from the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Thursday, after being out of commission for more than two years. While no officers have been assigned to the Massachusetts it is announced that the crew of the battleship Alabama will man her, and that the Alabama, which has been in reserve, will be placed out of commission.

The Massachusetts is a sister ship to the Indiana and the Oregon, and was built at Philadelphia by the Cramps in 1893. She will have a complement of about 500 men and officers.

Vicksburg for Navy.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Navy Department has refused to transfer the steamship Vicksburg to the Revenue Cutter Service. Senator Perkins received word today from Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop that the Vicksburg is urgently needed for service in Central American waters, and that orders had been issued to put her in commission and equip her for that service at an early date.

The vessel is of light draft and she was considered especially useful for the Revenue Cutter Service on that

account. Winthrop said he was looking into the question whether it would be possible to transfer any other vessel in the Navy to the Revenue Cutter Service.

Army Promotions.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The possibility surrounding the names of four prominent Army men for promotion is being watched with much interest. A recent telegram from Washington has stated that Colonel J. A. Augur is in line for the grade of brigadier general. He is the senior officer of the line of the Army, there being but two above him, Colonel S. E. Tillman and Colonel C. W. Larned, who are both engaged as professors at West Point. [Colonel Augur died this week.]

Colonel J. A. Dorst, 3rd Cavalry, Fort Clark, Tex., the second nominee, is a classmate of Brigadier General Frederick Smith.

Colonel F. K. Ward, 7th Cavalry, Fort Riley, is of the class of 1871 and bears a good record. Colonel Alexander Rogers, 6th Cavalry, stationed at Manila, is a classmate of Colonel W. A. Simpson, adjutant general of this department.

The officers are all cavalrymen. There is no time stated for these appointments, although there is a possibility that a vacancy may occur soon. This is said to be the contemplated retirement of Brigadier General John E. Kerr, commanding Fort Riley, Kas., upon his own request.

There will be no regular line of vacancies until the retirement of General Weston next November, except that of Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur in June, and that benefits no one, as the grade he carries dies with his retirement.

Much interest is evinced as to the coming appointee.

Athletics for Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—According to orders issued today by General Bell, chief of staff, athletics and calisthenic exercises in the Army will be limited to fifteen minutes a day. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted, and to such athletic competitions as may be prescribed by department commanders. Instructions in first aid will be given once a month.

Lieutenant's Fate in Balance.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The findings of the court-martial in the case of Lieutenant Jones have reached the office of the Judge Advocate General and will be examined before being sent to the Secretary of War, who will submit them with his recommendation to the President. Jones has powerful political friends working to save him from the ignominy of dismissal.

Millions for Army Duds.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Bids will be opened in the office of the Quartermaster General within the next week for the largest consignment of Army clothing ever purchased in time of peace. The contract will aggregate about \$4,000,000, representing a year's supply. The largest single item is for 325,000 yards of olive drab cotton cloth of the new grade of khaki, which has been adopted for summer military wear.

Want Our Submarines.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The Japanese Government is negotiating with an American builder of submarine boats, for the purpose of plans and specifications for a new type of submarine of smaller model than the type now in common use, but of double speed. It is stated that the proposed new craft would have about the same destructive power as the present type. The purpose of the Japanese Government, if the negotiations are successfully concluded, is to send draftsmen to New York to make drawings under the direction of the American builder, but to build all the new boats in Japan.

Powerful French Shell.

TOULON, April 13.—Speaking today before a commission of inquiry, an officer of the Army made sensational statements regarding the power of a French shell known as the "P." He said no existing armor could resist the destructive qualities of this explosive, and cited the case of a shell entering the smokestack of a battleship and working out below the water line. The speaker deplored the fact that the French Navy had not yet been furnished with those shells, although the tests had been started with them eight years ago.

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